

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 6, between lines 8 and 9 insert:

--An image forming apparatus capable of toner recycling comprising a toner receiving section, a toner feeding section which transfers toner to the toner receiving section, a toner intermediate chamber through which the toner passes at the time of toner transport to the aforesaid toner feeding section and to the aforesaid toner receiving section, a transport tube which connects the aforesaid toner intermediate chamber and the toner receiving section and which transports toner from the intermediate chamber to the toner receiving section, and a transport device to transport toner from the intermediate chamber by a gas stream, wherein the toner has an average circularity of 0.94 - 0.99 and an average equivalent circle diameter of 2.6 - 7.4 μm . --

Pages 9 and 10, bridging paragraph

A toner feeding section is equipped with toner container 31. The toner feeding section is provided with toner hopper 30 as an example of a toner supply section incorporating funnel-shaped mixing chamber 35 (being a

mixing chamber of toner and air), and toner separation section 60 being situated in the vicinity of development section 4 and a toner feeding section being situated at a position far from development section 4, are connected by transport tube 40, 41, 42 or 43. In this example, shown is an embodiment in which toner is transported by development section 4 by a gas stream, however, this invention is not necessarily limited thereto.

Page 12, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following paragraphs:

Suitably, the toner intermediate chamber comprises a toner receiving section capable of receiving collected toner, a toner discharging section capable of discharging separated toner and a gas stream introducing port capable of introducing a gas stream into the intermediate chamber.

Suitably, at least a part of the toner receiving section is situated at the upper portion in the vertical direction of the gas introducing inlet.

More suitably, the toner intermediate chamber is equipped with a toner receiving port capable of receiving collected toner, a toner discharge port capable of discharging separated toner, a gas stream introducing inlet

capable of introducing a gas stream into the aforesaid intermediate chamber, and at least a portion of said toner receiving port is situated at the upper portion in the vertical direction of said gas stream introducing section.

Suitably, the toner is transported out of the toner intermediate chamber by use of a gas stream.

Pages 40-41, bridging paragraph:

Resin or other toner materials of this invention are dissolved and dispersed in an organic solvent by means of such as stirring with a common impeller, while being appropriately heated, a ball mill, a sand mill or a homogenizer, then the system is emulsified and dispersed in a water-based medium. Employed for this process can be an emulsifying device such as ~~Hemo-Mixer~~ HOMO MIXER (produced by Tokusyu-Kika Co., Ltd.), ~~Ebara-Milder~~ EBARA MIXER (produced by Ebara Corp.) and ~~Clear-Mix~~ CLEAR MIX (produced by M-Technique Co., Ltd.).

Page 48, 2nd Paragraph:

Specific means include a method in which a mechanical impact is applied on a mixed substance by use of a fan rotating at a high RPM, and a method in which a mixed substance is blown into a high-speed gas stream to be

accelerated, whereby particles are collided each other or complex particles are collided against an appropriate collision plate are collided. Such apparatus includes an Ongu Mill (produced by Hosokawa Micron Co., Ltd.), a ~~Henschel-Mixer~~ HENSCHEL MIXER (produced by Mitsui ~~Minning~~ Mining Co., Ltd.), a ~~Hybridization-System~~ HYBRIDIZATION SYSTEM (produced by Nara Kikai Seisakusho Co., Ltd.) and a ~~Cripten-Sustem~~ CRIPTON SYSTEM (produced by Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.).

Pages 55-56, Bridging Paragraph:

Obtained "toner particles 1" of 100 parts, 0.8 parts of needle-formed titanium oxide (having a major diameter of 120 nm, after treatment by n-decyltrimethoxysilane), 1.8 parts of spherical mono-dispersed silica (silica sol prepared by a sol-gel method was subjected to HMDS treatment, being dried and ground, having a particle diameter of 137 nm) and 0.3 parts of hydrophobic silica (manufactured by a gas phase method and having been treated by octylmethoxysilane, having a particle diameter of 14 nm), were mixed in a ~~Henschel-Mixer~~ HENSCHEL MIXER at a circumferential rate of 30 m/s for 15 minutes. Then, coarse grains were removed by use of a 45 μ m shieve to prepare "toner 1". Herein, there was no change of the

shape and particle diameter with respect to the "toner 1" by addition of an external additive.

Page 57, first full paragraph:

Each of "toners 1 - 5" was mixed with a "carrier" of 60 μ m comprising manganese ferrite having been coated with silicone by use of a ~~Henschel-Mixer~~ HENSCHEL MIXER to prepare "developers 1 - 5" having a toner concentration of 6 weight %.